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THE WRONGS OF MAN.

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Ass—a beast of burthen. The celebrated naturalist, Buffon, says, that an *ass* is the most patient of all animals; but the philosopher had never read the history of JOHN BULL*.

Discontent (popular). In the Aristocratic Dictionary, sedition. When people, vexed and goaded by oppression, express discontent, aristocracy deems it sedition. The judges tell them they have *no right* to complain; things cannot be better, and the *law* finally condemns them to the pillory, fine, and two years confinement in one of his Majesty's *Bastiles*, there to learn patience, resignation, and submission. The word will also admit of another construction. "When popular discontents have been very prevalent, it may safely be affirmed that there has been something amiss in the *Constitution*, or in the conduct of Government."—BURKE'S Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents. Mr. Burke's opinion has since undergone a complete revolution.

* See "John Bull starving!"

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Faction—in its *primitive* sense, signifies mischief, conspiracy, opposition to good and lawful government; likewise *secret* cabals, or an *open*, violent contest between two unprincipled, restless, rapacious parties, for a monopoly of the spoils of a plundered, exhausted people. In another, that is, in the *Ministerial* sense, *FACTION* is *virtue*; but a *virtue* liable to the heaviest penalties and punishments. Associations of citizens peaceably met together for discussing the abuses of Government, and for deliberating on the safest and most effectual method of procuring their reform; an enquiry into the measures of their servants (the Ministers), and an exercise of those privileges, which Englishmen were taught by some of these ministers themselves to believe inherent in their *FREE CONSTITUTION*, are now construed into *Faction*—and thus the word is possessed of *two DIFFERENT* significations. Whether Mr. P.'s *modern* reading, or the *ancient* construction be the *JUST* one, well deserves the serious consideration of our *POPULAR SOCIETIES* throughout Great Britain and Ireland, who would act wisely in affording to their "heaven-born" Minister, a *striking* specimen of *their* opinions on the subject.

Perhaps, after all, the most accurate definition of the word *FACTION*, is to be found in the coalition between Alarmists and Courtiers, in defence of R-y-l prerogative, of extravagant sinecures, supernumerary places, and unmerited pensions; as well as of every other species of corrupt influence, against the Rights and Liberties of Mankind;—in the confederation of Kings against the French Republic; as solemnly ratified by the People, through the organ of Representatives, *FAIRLY* and *CONSTITUTIONALLY* elected by their own *FREE, UNBOUGHT* suffrages.

Hammer—is one of the *gentlest* instruments employed by our *heaven-born* minister in the present *JUST* and *RELIGIOUS* War with France. All the treasons he has fomented, all the massacres he has planned and caused to be committed, having proved insufficient, he still indulges the hope of being able to starve twenty-five millions of People, and thereby at last to conquer that nation.

It has been well observed by a sagacious writer, "that
 " if there were NO KINGS, there would be NO
 " WARS;" and, certainly, if there were no wars,
 there would be no conquests; of course, FAMINE would
 be unknown; for Nature, seldom or never, in the worst
 of seasons, is herself so rigorous, even in the most bar-
 ren regions, or where the inhabitants are most addicted
 to sloth and effeminacy, as to refuse supply of their real
 wants. Indeed in those countries where the heat of cli-
 mate disposes the natives to indolence, nature in general
 yields her gifts spontaneously; whereas, in more un-
 grateful climes, the people are prone to toil and labour.
 But war does the business effectually in all countries;
 however fertile or industrious. During the war previous
 to the peace of Ryfwick, the price of corn was *double*
 in England, and in Scotland *quadruple* its ordinary rate;
 and in one of the years pending that war, eighty thou-
 sand persons died of WANT in the last mentioned coun-
 try. Nevertheless, while Kings, Prelates, and Nobles,
 are not exposed to the horrors of FAMINE, it is per-
 fectly *consistent* that the People should always, as at pre-
 sent, 1795, co-operate with their leaders to inflict it on
 themselves. When Famine rages in the heart of a coun-
 try, the prodigality of a court experiences no abatement;
 there it is unfelt; courts are exempt from the calamities
 which they spread over the universe.

Garnish. When a poor prisoner is committed to goal,
 he fares but rudely, unless he *tips* the turnkeys and goal-
 er their *garnish*, which is the *cant* word for money on
 these occasions. This *garnish* produces miraculous
 effects; it strikes off the heaviest iron from the leg of
 the MURDERER; while, for want of it, the limbs of the
 INNOCENT are often loaded therewith. *Garnish* is a
 word perfectly well understood in all our *courts* of law,
 and although rather in the *flash* vulgar style, it is not al-
 together unknown in more polite and *immaculate Courts*.
 For a further illustration of this word, consult Messrs.
 Hastings, Loughborough, Harry Dundas, Mad. Schwel-
 lenbergen, Charlotte, &c. &c.

Groan—sedition.

To grumble—high treason.

Grunt—a hog's cry ; the complaint of the Swinish Multitude, or the People's lamentation.

Harvest—the season of reaping the fruits of the earth. A good or a bad *harvest*, according to the constitution of monarchical governments, has very little effect on the price of provisions. In the most plentiful seasons, the price is still kept up ; prodigal landlords rack their tenants, and thus the people derive no benefit from the bounty of Heaven. The rich devour that HARVEST which the poor man's labour procures.

Harvest—a plentiful crop of taxes well got in.

Hell—a place of torment ; where there is neither liberty of speech, nor liberty of thought, nor liberty of action ; where men can be imprisoned at the will of a minister, without ever being brought to trial ; where the rich exult and riot at the expence of the poor ; where vice triumphs, profligacy prevails, and war, taxes, and desolation are the CONSOLATIONS of the people.

Hope—to see better times.

Ye "Rabble" and Multitude "swinish" and base,
Who suffer and smart beneath Tyranny's sway,
Let HOPE yield a balm for your present distress,
For you shall, ere long, see a happier day.

E'en now it is dawning—I see its bright rays
Reflected from Nations once wretched as we ;
From Nations who feel its meridian blaze,
And reap NATURE's blessings, unpaid for, and free.

O ! let it enliven the hearts of the Poor,
While Tyrants shall tremble and sink in despair ;
The Reign of Oppression is but for an hour,
'Till all the wide world sweet FREEDOM shall share.

No more shall they sell us the Light of the Sun,
 And claim as their own, the Earth, Rivers, and Seas;
 For LIBERTY governs, and now has begun
 To execute Heav'n's all-gracious decrees.

Yon Palace, that now is the guilty abode
 Of Luxury, and her degenerate sons,
 Shall (crush'd with the weight of the vengeance of God)
 Soon mingle its ruins with Tyranny's Thrones.

The Earth, and the Sea, and the Stream shall resign,
 To ALL, undistinguish'd, whate'er they contain;
 The Light of the Day on our dwellings shall shine
 As freely as Heav'n first gave it to men.

FROM SONGS SACRED TO TRUTH, LIBERTY,
 AND PEACE.

Idiot—poor John Bull, in his present state of degradation.

Impress—to take a man by force from his own home and the bosom of his family, and compel him to fight for his King and Country.

Imprisonment—ministerial argument, or an answer to all complaints.

Inquiry—sedition, a crime of the first magnitude, and which is to be punished by FINE, imprisonment, and pillory.

Labour—the occupation of the Swinish Multitude, who are kept to it twelve hours a day, though it can hardly procure subsistence for a wife and family, as, considering the present enormous taxes, seven or eight shillings a week is scarce sufficient to provide bread for one. This same labour also is held in the utmost contempt by the useless great, though at the same time they derive all their luxury and exclusive advantages from the exertions of the industrious poor. A hard-working man and a poor devil are synonymous terms in the language of Aristocracy.

Lash—in the plural, is applied to soldiers who commit *foes*; seven hundred or a thousand lashes with a cat-o'-ninetails being frequently bestowed upon them by way of discipline, and to strengthen their loyalty.

Liabie (to be sent to *Botany Bay*, or be *hanged, drawn, and quartered*)—all persons who find fault with the present government, or exert themselves to procure a Parliamentary Reform.

Life—is a state of existence which is to be sacrificed by the *lower* orders of society whenever kings and ministers think proper—witness the reeking plains of Flanders.

Light—in Great Britain, a taxable commodity.

Malecontent—a hog that is shut out of its sty on a frosty night, and who grunts to be let in.

Malcontents—the greater part of this nation; consisting of the laborious poor, from whom the earnings of impoverished industry are squeezed and torn, for the support of our happy Constitution, the pride of the world! the the envy of surrounding nations! &c. &c.

People. It is the *People* which compose the human species. All which is not the *People*, is of so little consequence that it is not worth the trouble of counting.

ROUSSEAU.

People—the commonalty; the vulgar; the *Swinish Multitude*; or whatever the *ennobled* race may, in their infinite goodness and mercy, be pleased to term them.

Proclamation—a supposed letter from the king to his *People*, in which they are informed when they are happy, and by which they learn an increase of taxes to be an accumulation of comfort.

Quorum—a bench of Justices; who assemble at some

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hall, or some inn, to do justice; and there pass orders to convey a man, his wife, and twelve children, two hundred miles off, because he was not born, or served apprenticeship, in this town, although he is esteemed the best workman, and bears the best of characters, under the apprehension that he or his family may become chargeable to the parish;

O MAN! ARE THESE LAWS JUST?

Or to sentence a man to transportation, or fine, or, from inability of payment, to imprisonment, for having knocked down a hare which was devouring his cabbages in his garden; or fining a man ten pounds, for not being worth a hundred a year, and for carrying a gun without a licence;

Rabble—an assembly of low-bred, vulgar, and riotous people; otherwise the *Swinish Multitude*, so called by St. Edmund, because they dare to grunt their grievances even at the foot of the throne. The English rabble, when once roused, are very saucy and unmanageable, but they have the remarkable quality of the most passive forbearance, so it is not a little will disturb their slumbers.

Sincere, plain, hearty, hospitable, kind,

Yet like the muffled thunder when provok'd;

The dread of Tyrants, and the sole resource

Of those that under grim oppression groan.

Reckoning—that awful account which all wicked kings and their minions may expect to be called upon to make by an injured People, whom they lord it over with an iron sway.

Recruit—to inveigle young men by martial music, to make them drunk, and then slip into their pockets a shilling of the Ty—, of the King's money, I mean; or, if all these allurements be not sufficient, they then kidnap them. See the words *Crimp* and *Nab*.

Rustic—the poor labourer, who toils all the live-long

day, to procure, by the sweat of his brow, enjoyment for another. He tills the ground, and sows the seed, but another comes to reap the harvest. He is mocked with the beautiful profuseness of nature; but denied to partake of her bounties. He cultivates her flowers, but cannot share her fruits. Great God! if this is ever to be the state of man on earth, happy had it been had he never been born.

Sailor—a seaman who is taken *voluntarily by force* from his native home, to fight for a country which he is indebted to for nothing, except it be misery and wretchedness.

Senate—In some countries, is an assembly of the scum of the earth, who will stick at nothing that is depraved and dishonourable, to increase their treasures by plundering the people, depriving them first of their wealth, and then of all the sweets of liberty, and all the comforts of domestic life. In England the senators are all honest men, all "honourable men!"

Slavery the state of ninety-nine out of a hundred of the human race. In England we profess to love freedom; and yet we are the chief agents in wickedness in the infernal traffic in human flesh! And so accustomed are we now to the tale of woe, which belongs to the little history of thousands and tens of thousands of Negroes, that we are wearied with the mention of their sufferings; and a noble lord, Carhampton, (who is a disgrace to the human species) in the House of Commons, openly and publicly, and with the clamorous approbation of some other shameless members, laughed at, and ridiculed the Quixotic humanity of Mr. Wilberforce and the rest of the members who had the feelings of human beings interwoven in their natures: and further took what he thought a parallel case, by an infamous and cruelly sportive allusion to the situation of a common prostitute!



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